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Kim L. Wilson

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

-- PATENT --

Serial No.: 09/008,148

Filed:

January 16, 1998

Inventor: Clinton O. Fruitman

Atty. Docket No.: 29131.0217

Title: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE CHEMICAL MECHANICAL
PLANARIZATION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

RENEWED PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

E. Rollins-Cross, Director
Technology Center 3700
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.181(a) and MPEP 711.03(c)(II), Applicant hereby respectfully petitions to have the Notice of Abandonment dated November 13, 2003 withdrawn as Applicant did not, and has not, received the Notice of Allowance. On April 21, 2003, the Examiner mailed out a Notice of Allowability (attached hereto as Exhibit A) requesting that corrected drawings be submitted for the above-captioned patent application. The Notice of Allowability also stated that "If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course." Upon the receipt of Notice of Allowability, the docketing clerk noted the receipt of the Notice of Allowability at the bottom of the page along with all due dates for items remaining outstanding. As seen in Exhibit A, the items noted with upcoming due dates set forth by the docketing clerk include: 312 Amendment due 5/12/03, formal drawings due 7/21/03, and a check for related applications and review of formal drawings due 6/21/03. No notation of the payment of the issue fee and due date were noted because no Notice of Allowance was included.

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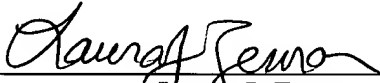
A printed copy of a page from Applicants docketing software (attached hereto as Exhibit E) is also attached. As can be seen in Exhibit E, no item under the description heading shows that an issue fee is due in the instant case. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and a new Notice of Allowance be issued and forwarded to our office with the full statutory time period in which to respond provided.

Should the Commissioner's office or the Examiner in this matter wish to discuss this petition, please contact the undersigned at (602) 382-6377.

Applicants authorize and respectfully request that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 3/17/04

By: 
Laura J. Zeman
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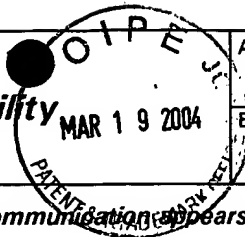
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Notice of Allowability



Application No. 09/008,148

Applicant(s)

Fruitman

Examiner

Morgan

Art Unit

3723



--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Decision by Board on 2-28-02

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-10

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3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

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a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

(a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

6. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.

(a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No. 5

(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

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9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1 ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

3 ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

5 ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). _____

7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

9 ☐ Other

2 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

4 ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____

6 ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8 ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Name	Fax Number	Phone Number
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FROM: Laura Zeman

PHONE: 602-382-6377

RE: Serial No. 09/008,148

MESSAGE:

Please see attached copy of Transmittal of Formal Drawings.

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PATENT

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Serial No.:	09/008,148	Group Art Unit No.:	3723
Filing Date:	January 16, 1998	Examiner:	Eileen P. Morgan
Confirmation No.:	5868		
Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CHEMICAL MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES		

TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Official Draftsperson
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.85(c), Applicant encloses herewith 5 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-5B) as required in connection with the Notice of Allowability mailed April 21, 2003, in the above-identified patent application.

If there are any questions regarding the enclosed drawings, the undersigned requests the courtesy of a telephone call at the number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 6/6/03

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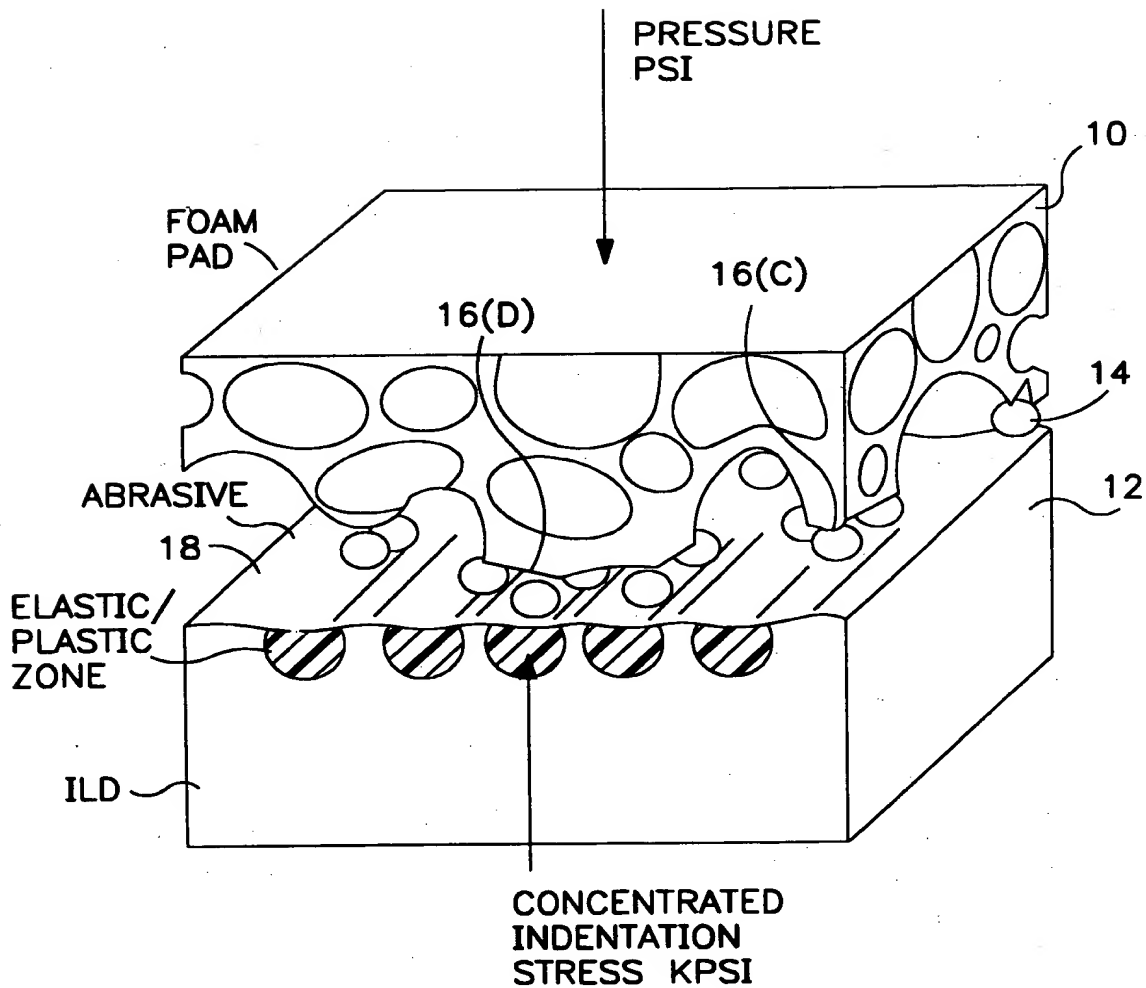


FIG. 1

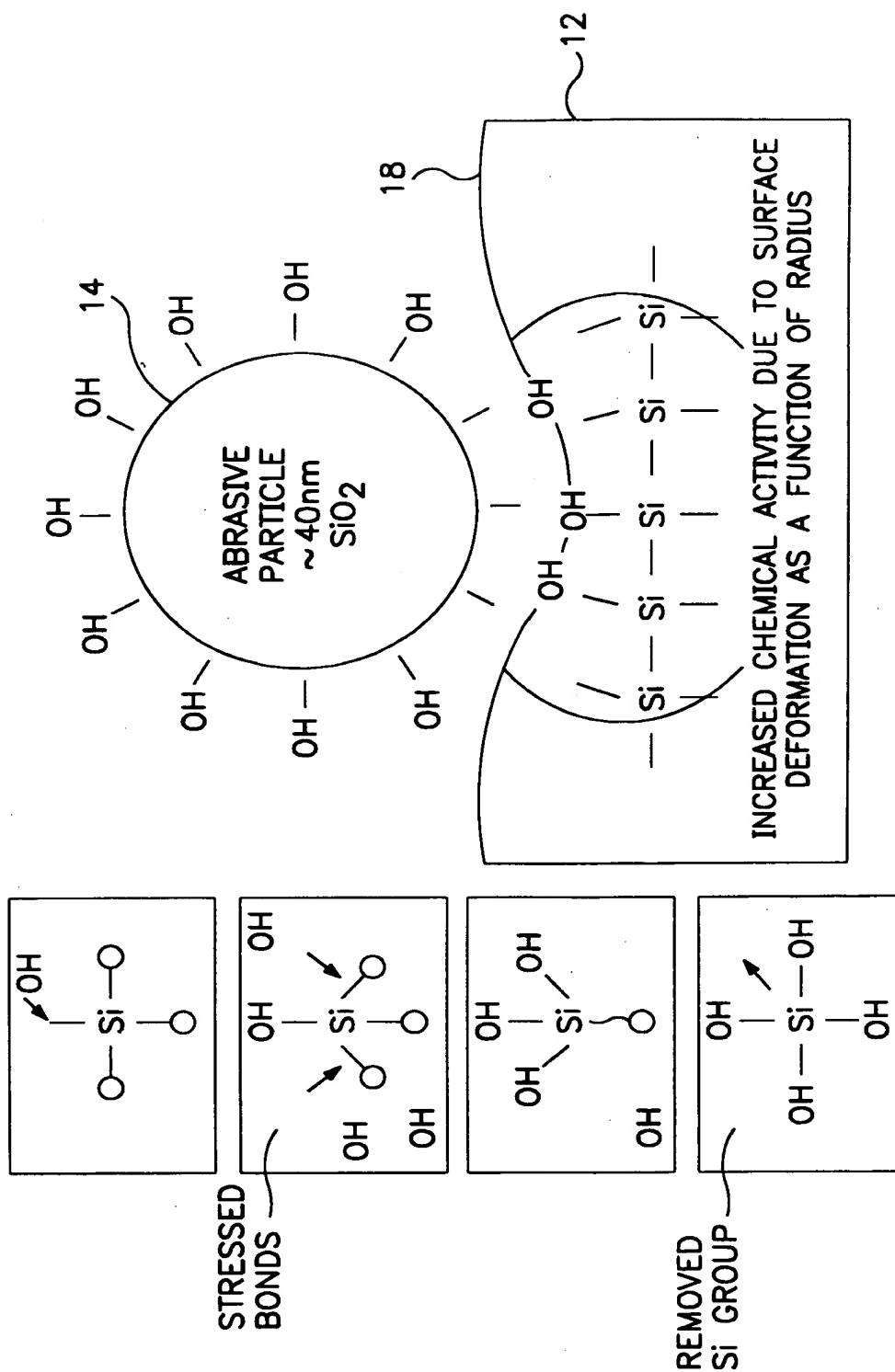


FIG. 2

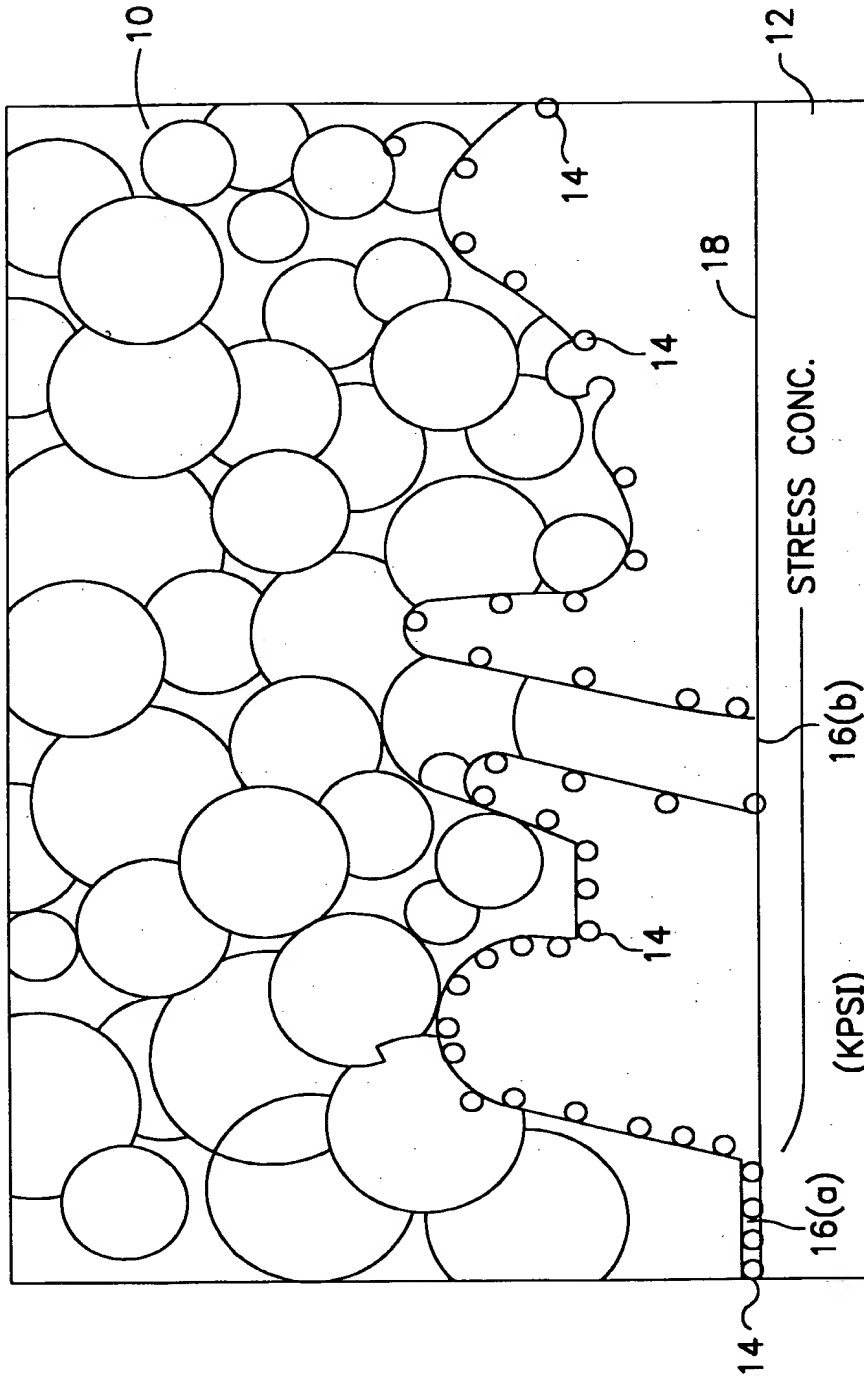


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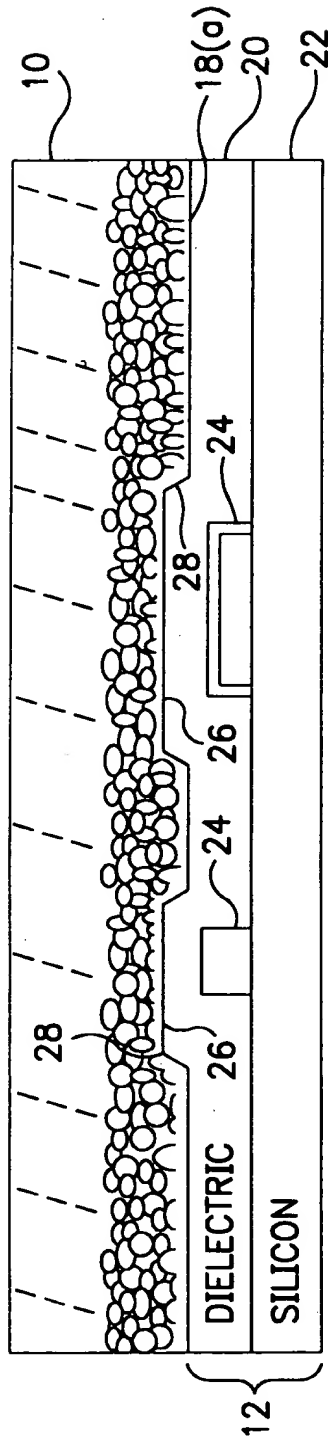


FIG. 4A

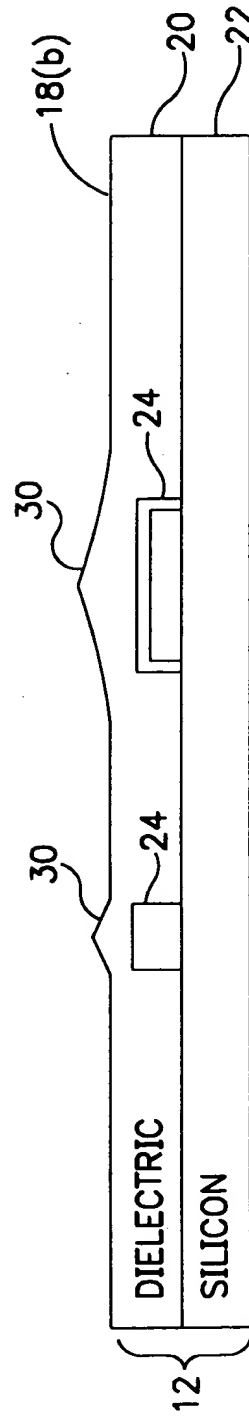


FIG. 4B

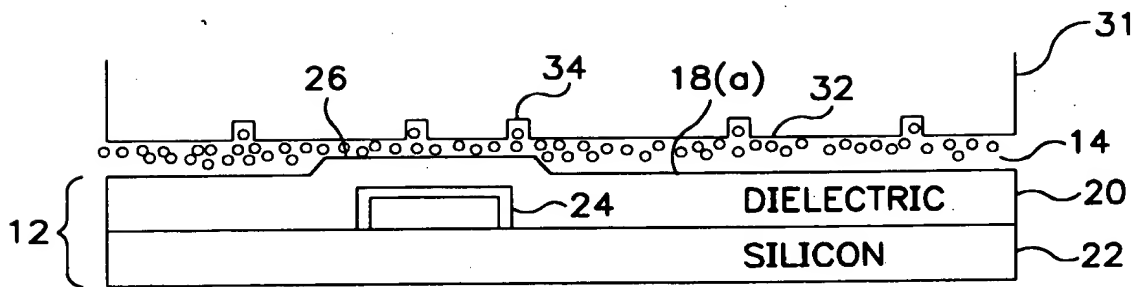


FIG. 5A

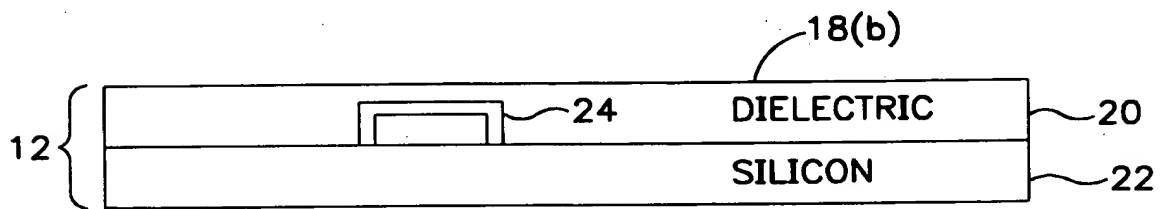


FIG. 5B

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Abstract

Method and apparatus for chemically and mechanically planarizing the surface of a silicon wafer which includes a compressible non-cellular lapping surface and a slurry disposed between the wafer and the lapping surface.

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Applicant: Clinton O. Fruitman

Filing Date: January 16, 1998

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Honorable Commissioner:

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